

PUBLIC LANDS CONVEYANCES

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: Subcommittee on Public Lands and Forests concluded a hearing to examine S. 155, to convey to the town of Frannie, Wyoming, certain land withdrawn by the Commissioner of Reclamation, S. 2285, to direct the Secretary of the Interior to convey a parcel of real property to Beaver County, Utah, S. 1521, to direct the Secretary of the Interior to convey certain land to the Edward H. McDaniel American Legion Post No. 22 in Pahrump, Nevada, for the construction of a post building and memorial park for use by the American Legion, other veterans' groups, and the local community, S. 1826, to direct the Secretary of the Interior to convey certain land in Washoe County, Nevada, to the Board of Regents of the University and Community College System of Nevada, S. 2085, to modify the requirements of the land conveyance to the University of Nevada at Las Vegas Research Foundation, and H.R. 1658, to amend the Railroad Right-of-Way Conveyance Validation Act to validate additional conveyances of certain lands in the State of California that form part of the right-of-way granted by the United States to facilitate the construction of the transcontinental railway, after receiving testimony from Senators Hatch and Reid; Bob Anderson, Deputy Assistant Director, Minerals, Realty and Resource Protection, Bureau of Land Management, Department of the Interior; Mark Whitney, Beaver County Commission, Beaver, Utah; Stephen G. Wells, Desert Research Institute, Reno, Nevada; and John F. Gallagher, University of Nevada, Las Vegas.

HEALTHY MARRIAGE

Committee on Finance: Subcommittee on Social Security and Family Policy held a hearing to examine the benefits of a healthy marriage, focusing on the im-

pact of divorce, drug use and poverty on children and marriage, receiving testimony from Julie Baumgardner, First Things First, Chattanooga, Tennessee; Dwayne Grimes, Dominick Walker, and Joseph T. Jones, all on behalf of the Center for Fathers, Families, and Workforce Development, Baltimore, Maryland; Kathryn J. Edin, Northwestern University Department of Sociology, Evanston, Illinois; Ron Haskins, Brookings Institution, and Theodora Ooms, Center for Law and Social Policy, both of Washington, D.C.; and Scott M. Stanley, University of Denver Center for Marital and Family Studies, Denver, Colorado.

Hearing recessed subject to the call of the Chair.

TERRORISM: MATERIAL SUPPORT STATUTE

Committee on the Judiciary: Committee concluded an oversight hearing to examine the material support statute relating to aiding terrorists, focusing on how material support statutes have been crucial in efforts in the investigation and prosecution of terrorists, and in the protection from future terrorist attacks, after receiving testimony from Christopher A. Wray, Assistant Attorney General, Criminal Division, Daniel J. Bryant, Assistant Attorney General, Office of Legal Policy, and Gary M. Bald, Assistant Director, Counterterrorism Division, Federal Bureau of Investigation, all of the Department of Justice; and David Cole, Georgetown University Law Center, and Paul Rosenzweig, Heritage Foundation, both of Washington, D.C.

INTELLIGENCE

Select Committee on Intelligence: Committee held closed hearings on intelligence matters, receiving testimony from officials of the intelligence community.

Committee recessed subject to call.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Measures Introduced: 24 public bills, H.R. 4275–4298; and 5 resolutions, H. Con. Res. 415–416, and H. Res. 625–627, were introduced.

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Additional Cosponsors:

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Reports Filed: Reports were filed today as follows:

H.R. 4061, to amend the Foreign Assistance Act of 1961 to provide assistance for orphans and other

vulnerable children in developing countries (H. Rept. 108–479).

H. Res. 628, providing for consideration of H. Res. 627, deploring the abuse of persons in United States custody in Iraq, regardless of the circumstances of their detention, urging the Secretary of the Army to bring to swift justice any member of the Armed Forces who has violated the Uniform

Code of Military Justice, expressing the deep appreciation of the Nation to the courageous and honorable members of the Armed Forces who have selflessly served, or are currently serving, in Operation Iraqi Freedom (H. Rept. 108-480). **Page H2656**

Chaplain: The prayer was offered today by Commander Maurice S. Kaprow, Chaplain Corps, U.S. Naval Reserve in Norfolk, Virginia. **Page H2551**

Middle-Class Alternative Minimum Tax Relief Act of 2004: The House passed H.R. 4227, to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to extend to 2005 the alternative minimum tax relief available in 2003 and 2004 and to index such relief for inflation, by a ye-and-nay vote of 333 yeas to 89 nays, Roll No. 144. **Pages H2561-85**

Rejected the Neal amendment in the nature of a substitute printed in H. Rept. 108-477 by a ye-and-nay vote of 197 yeas to 228 nays, Roll No. 143. **Pages H2570-84**

H. Res. 619, the rule providing for consideration of the bill was agreed to by voice vote, after agreeing to order the previous question by a ye-and-nay vote of 220 yeas to 201 nays, Roll No. 142. **Pages H2555-61**

Concurrent Resolution on the Budget for FY 2005—Motion to Instruct Conferees: The House rejected the Moore motion to instruct conferees on S. Con. Res. 95, original concurrent resolution setting forth the congressional budget for the United States Government for fiscal year 2005 and including the appropriate budgetary levels for fiscal years 2006 through 2009, by a ye-and-nay vote of 208 yeas to 215 nays, Roll No. 145. **Pages H2585-93, H2598-99**

Suspensions: The House agreed to suspend the rules and pass the following measures:

Recognizing the importance of increasing awareness of autism: H. Res. 605, amended, recognizing the importance of increasing awareness of autism, supporting programs for increased research and improved treatment of autism, improving training and support for individuals with autism and those who care for individuals with autism, by a 2/3 ye-and-nay vote of 421 yeas with none voting "nay", Roll No. 146; **Pages H2593-98, H2599-S2600**

Amending the Safe Drinking Water Act: H.R. 2771, to amend the Safe Drinking Water Act to reauthorize the New York City Watershed Protection Program; and **Pages H2600-05**

Small Public Housing Authority Act: H.R. 27, amended, to amend the United States Housing Act of 1937 to exempt small public housing agencies from the requirement of preparing an annual public housing agency plan. **Pages H2605-07**

Suspensions—Proceedings Postponed: The House completed debate on the following measures under suspension of the rules. Further proceedings were postponed until Thursday, May 6.

Sense of the House regarding the Lao People's Democratic Republic: H. Res. 402, expressing the sense of the House of Representatives regarding the urgent need for freedom, democratic reform, and international monitoring of elections, human rights, and religious liberty in the Lao People's Democratic Republic; **Pages H2607-14**

Sense of Congress regarding the detention of Dr. Wang Bingzhang by the Government of the People's Republic of China: H. Con. Res. 326, expressing the sense of Congress regarding the arbitrary detention of Dr. Wang Bingzhang by the Government of the People's Republic of China and urging his immediate release; and **Pages H2614-17**

Expressing the concern of Congress over Iran's development of the means to produce nuclear weapons: H. Con. Res. 398, expressing the concern of Congress over Iran's development of the means to produce nuclear weapons. **Pages H2617-23**

Amendment to the Communications Satellite Act of 1962: Agreed by unanimous consent to pass S. 2315, to amend the Communications Satellite Act of 1962 to extend the deadline for the INTELSAT initial public offering—clearing the measure for the President. **Page H2600**

Quorum Calls—Votes: Five ye-and-nay votes developed during the proceedings of today and appear on pages H2560-61, H2584, H2584-85, H2598-99, and H2599. There were no quorum calls.

Recess: The House recessed at 11:50 p.m. and reconvened at 7:46 a.m. on Thursday, May 6. **Pages H2653, H2655**

Adjournment: The House met at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 7:48 a.m. on Thursday, May 6.

Committee Meetings

NATIONAL DEFENSE AUTHORIZATION ACT

Committee on Armed Services: Subcommittee on Projection Forces approved for full Committee action H.R. 4200, National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2005.